

Rain on Main in the Arts & Design District



Barrels will be auctioned off on Saturday, August 15.

Virtual auction opens at 8 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. during the Carmel Farmers Market.



More information about Rain on Main can be found at www.RainOnMain.com or www.Facebook.com/RainOnMain.

Rain on Main, a painted rain barrel contest is returning to the Carmel Arts & Design District. The event will debut at the Meet me on Main event Saturday, August 8. The barrels will remain on Main Street between 1st Avenue NE/SE and 4th Ave NW/SW through the next week for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to having the barrels judged by experts, there will be a "People's Choice" selection based on votes from the public via Facebook likes on the Rain on Main page.

On Saturday, August 15 the barrels will be relocated to the Carmel Farmers Market where they will be on display in a large area to allow for physical distancing. Starting on Friday, August 7 at noon and ending on Saturday, August 15 at 11 a.m. the barrels will be auctioned off to the highest bidder via a virtual silent auction. When the auction is loaded, bids can be placed by texting RAIN to 88793. Net proceeds from the auction will be used to fund water education signage in Carmel Clay Parks. The initial signs have been installed in Founders Park, 116th and Hazel Dell Parkway.

Rain on Main is possible due to main sponsorship by Greenscape Geeks. They are a landscape architecture and landscaping company that specializes in sustainable and eco-friendly landscape design, installation, and maintenance. The event is also supported by Carmel businesses; Touch'N Go Collision, White's Ace Hardware and Sherwin Williams Automotive. Rain on Main is organized by City of Carmel Utilities, Carmel Department of Storm Water Management and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Rain Barrels continue to grow in popularity across the country and beautifully painted rain barrels increase their desirability and encourage water conservation by the use of recycled rainwater



Rain barrels sit under gutter down spouts to collect and store rainwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams and rivers. The collected water can then be used to water plants in the landscape instead of using treated water which saves water and energy.

Carmel Utilities continued to ensure safe drinking water and wastewater treatment for our growing community. We currently service more than 30,000 homes and businesses and we are poised to meet the demands of future growth.

Carmel Utilities is a non-profit utility and no tax dollars are used to fund our water and wastewater operations. We are totally funded by ratepayers with no profit or shareholder returns built into our rates. We deliver award winning service at the lowest possible cost. We are able to maintain funding to repair and replace our distribution water mains and sewer collection system while keeping rates low.

Carmel's Source of Drinking Water is Groundwater

Groundwater is water found underground in cracks and spaces in soil, sand and rock. These underground stores of water are called aquifers. Groundwater supplies are recharged or replenished by rain and snow melt.

Most people do not realize the impact they can have on groundwater. Anything poured or spilled onto the ground's surface can end up in the groundwater supply, even years later, and contaminated groundwater can ruin human and animal health.

Every individual has a responsibility to protect groundwater, because every individual is impacted daily by the quality and quantity available. Pesticides, fertilizers, road salt, used motor oil, pet waste, untreated waste from septic tanks and toxic chemicals from underground storage tanks can all seep into groundwater. Improperly disposed of pharmaceuticals can end up in the water supply.

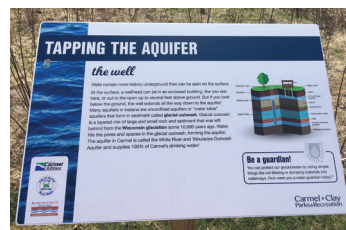
Protecting groundwater is incredibly important

Individuals can do several things to help maintain a clean water supply, including:

- Never flush unneeded or expired medications down the toilet or drain. If no other disposal options exist, such as a take-back program at a local pharmacy, dissolve the medications and mix them with kitty litter and place them in the trash.
- Limit the amount of fertilizer and pesticides used on plants.
- Pick up after your pets. Animal waste can be a contributor to poor water quality.
- Take household chemicals, used motor oil and other items to the Carmel Household Hazardous Waste Disposal site at 901 N. Range Line Rd.

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Groundwater Guardian and Hoosier Water Guardian

The City of Carmel Utilities takes groundwater protection very seriously. Because of our efforts in protecting our water supply we have received both the Groundwater Guardian and Hoosier Water Guardian designations many years in a row.

For more information go to www.groundwater.org and www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2358.htm.



Hoosier Water Guardian Award

Awarded to communities who go above and beyond the state's requirements for protecting their drinking water supply.



Groundwater Guardian

Educates people and inspires action to ensure sustainable, clean groundwater for future generations.